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Via ECFS Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1

Dear FCC,

I chose Sonic, my local broadband service, as my provider for several reasons. Primarily, they are local and their tech support is far superior to anything I ever received from either Comcast or ATT both of which I have had in the past. The Comcast price plan is not nearly as competitive, their service technicians are not as well trained and their overall service does not compete with my local service. ATT simply did not have the speed required to manage the needs of my household and also were non-responsive to my complaints. Currently in my area, my local provider is superior. I live in an urban area which has very poor cell tower service and in the past DSL was so slow that I could not download a YouTube Video. When my local fiber optic service became available I switched immediately. It offered me superior telephone and internet services at lower cost. This is why it is essential that local broadband providers are critical.

Say YES to broadband competition and NO to price monopolies!

Thank You,

Marsha Maslan